

Tippecanoe County Health Department

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Public and Semi-Public Pool/Spa Facilities Owners, Operators, Corporate Owners:

In accordance with Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana plan, public swimming pools, aquatic facilities, and waterparks will be moving to **STAGE 4.5** on July 4, 2020 as long as we continue to stay in compliance of the Governor's executive order and Tippecanoe County directives.

The previous Stage 4 Tippecanoe County directives from June 12 remain in effect going forward through **JULY 4 STAGE 4.5**:

- Bather load must continue to be reduced by 50%. The bather load count includes people in the water, on the pool deck, as well as pool staff.
- Minimum 6ft social distancing measures remain in effect for patrons and staff.
- Under no circumstances should on-duty lifeguards be required to enforce social distancing expectations, because this could distract them from their life-saving surveillance duties.
- At the facilities' discretion, they may recommend or require patrons that are not actively swimming to wear face coverings. (Per CDC, no children aged 2 and under should wear face coverings.)
- Under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to wear a face covering in the water as this presents a drowning hazard.
- Frequent disinfection of touchpoint surfaces will be critical (information attached). Balls and any toys/games used for communal play are not permitted.
- Either a system to gather and disinfect all deck chairs, kickboards, floats, tubes, etc. between uses shall be implemented <u>or</u> patrons could be allowed to bring items such as lawn chairs from home <u>or</u> do without furnishings in the pool enclosure.
- Specific COVID-19 relevant warnings should be presented to patrons. An example flyer has been attached. Feel free to utilize this poster as your own.

If an establishment does not comply with these directives it could result in permit revocation. We ask everyone to continue to demonstrate caution and work together as a county to avoid any regression in the Back on Track stages. If you have any questions pertaining to your operations, feel free to email the health department at health@tippecanoe.in.gov or call the foods/pools division at 765-423-9221 ext. 3.

Thank you,

Tippecanoe County Health Department